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TOPIC Wittstock Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT 2 April to 6 May 1952

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1. On the night of 2 April 1952, the alert was sounded for all units at Wittstock airfield. The alert was terminated at 6 a.m. on 3 April. (1) About 8:30 a.m. on 3 April, 24 MiG-15s which were towed by trucks out of the hangars to the landing field. About 9 a.m., six MiG-15s took off in rapid succession and practiced formation flying. Three U-2s were parked in the southwestern corner of the landing field. During the preceding days, there was intensive flying during which parachute jumps were made. Between 20 and 26 April, flying was practiced every day. Eight MiG-15s, were repeatedly observed practicing formation flying.

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3. On the morning of 8 April, there was individual flying by jet fighters at the field. On 10 April, individual jet bombers repeatedly crossed the field heading southwest. In the afternoon, jet fighters engaged in aerobatics at high altitudes. Toward evening, 12 jet bombers landed at the field coming from the direction of Schweinrich. (4) Between 11 April and 6 May, the following air activities were observed at the field: on 11 April, aerobatics by individual jet fighters; on 12 April, toward evening, firing at ground targets by individual jet fighters; on 14 April, between 10:30 and 11 a.m., 23 jet fighters flew in flight formation toward the west; at 4 p.m., the planes returned from the same direction and landed at the field; during the night, there was flying by individual jet fighters; on 15 April, individual jet fighters fired at ground targets on the field; on 16 April, training flights by single-engine aircraft throughout the day and flights by jet fighters at night; on 17 and 18 April, training flights by single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with radial engines; on 22 April, flying by jet fighters and, toward the evening, firing at ground targets on the field; in the morning of 23 April, flying by individual jet fighters; throughout the day on 25 April, intensive flying by jet fighters and single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with radial engines; during the mornings of

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25X1 29 and 30 April, local flying by jet fighters; on 6 May, local and high
 25X1 altitude flights by jet fighters. There was no flying on 13 April and from
 1 to 5 May.

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 25X1 Red Mill, were removed. The Red Mill Installation was still occupied.

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5. [REDACTED] on 6 May, 3 biplanes and 12 swept-back jet fighters were
 25X1 parked at the field.

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(1) Recently, such practice alerts have been frequently observed in the area of the
 25X1(2) Twenty-Fourth Air Army. It is not clear if these practices are routine exercises
 of the ground personnel.

(3) The information refers to the Kech office which was transferred from Gers to
 25X1 Wittstock.

(4) The target range of the fighter regiment stationed in Wittstock is located in
 25X1 Schweinrich.

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 25X1(6) [REDACTED]

(7) The report confirms that Wittstock airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment. The
 25X1 actual total number of aircraft is believed to be about 33 MIG-15s, of which only
 23 MIG-15s were observed. Observation at the field is difficult because of the
 presence of hangars.

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